

Evansville, Indiana; Memphis, Tennessee; Nashville, Tennessee; Point Pleasant, West Virginia; Jacksonville, Florida; Tampa, Florida; Louisville, Kentucky; and Cincinnati, Ohio, at the rate of \$2,100 per year for each local inspector."

SEC. 3. That this Act shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

Effective on approval.

Approved, April 19, 1924.

CHAP. 130.—An Act To authorize a temporary increase of the Coast Guard for law enforcement.

April 21, 1924.
[H. R. 6815.]
[Public, No. 103.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy is authorized to transfer to the Department of the Treasury, for the use of the Coast Guard, such vessels of the Navy, with their outfits and armaments, as can be spared by the Navy and as are adapted to the use of the Coast Guard.

Coast Guard.
Navy vessels, etc., to be transferred to, for law enforcement.

SEC. 2. (a) The President is authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, the following temporary officers of the Coast Guard: Two captains, ten commanders, twenty-five lieutenant commanders, forty-eight lieutenants, and forty-two lieutenants (junior grade) and ensigns, of the line; and five commanders, eleven lieutenant commanders, nineteen lieutenants, and forty lieutenants (junior grade) and ensigns, of the Engineer Corps.

Temporary officers to be appointed.

Grades.

(b) Such temporary officers while in service shall receive the same pay, allowances, and benefits as permanent commissioned officers of the Coast Guard of corresponding grade and length of service, except that no such officer shall be entitled to retirement because of his temporary commission.

Pay, etc., of similar Navy grades.

No retirement authorized.

(c) Temporary appointments shall continue until the President otherwise directs or Congress otherwise provides.

Tenure.

SEC. 3. Permanent commissioned officers of the Coast Guard may be given temporary promotion, in order of seniority and without examination, to fill any such temporary grades. Notwithstanding such temporary promotion, any such officer shall continue to hold his permanent commission and shall be advanced in lineal rank, promoted, and retired in the same manner as though this Act had not become law.

Permanent officers may have temporary promotions.

Regular status retained.

SEC. 4. (a) All original temporary appointments under this Act shall be made in grades not above that of lieutenant, in the line or the Engineer Corps, and shall be made only after the candidate has satisfactorily passed such examinations as the President may prescribe. No person shall be given an original temporary appointment who is more than forty years of age.

Examinations, etc., for original appointments.

Age limit.

(b) Any warrant officer or enlisted man of the permanent Coast Guard may be given an original temporary appointment under this Act, under such regulations as the President may prescribe, and without reduction in pay or allowances. Notwithstanding such temporary appointment, any such warrant officer or enlisted man shall be entitled to retirement in the same manner as though he had continued to hold his permanent grade or rating, and upon the termination of such temporary appointment shall be entitled to revert to such grade or rating. Service under any such temporary appointment shall be included in determining length of service as a warrant officer or enlisted man.

Permanent warrant officers and enlisted men allowed temporary appointments.

Status for retirement retained.

Service included in longevity.

(c) The names of all persons appointed under this section shall be placed upon a special list of temporary officers, as distinguished from the list of permanent officers, of the Coast Guard. The President is authorized, without regard to length of service or seniority,

Special list for temporary officers.

Promotions, etc., authorized.

to promote to grades not above lieutenant, in the line or Engineer Corps, or to reduce officers on such special list, within the number specified for each grade, and he may, in his discretion, call for the resignation of, or dismiss, any such officer for unfitness or misconduct.

Chief warrant officers.

Appointment of 25 temporary, by promotion from permanent warrant officers.

Pay, allowances, etc.

SEC. 5. (a) Under such regulations as he may prescribe, the President is authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, twenty-five temporary chief warrant officers of the Coast Guard from the permanent list of warrant officers of the Coast Guard.

(b) Such chief warrant officers shall receive the same pay, allowances, and benefits as commissioned warrant officers of the Navy, except that any such officer shall continue to hold his permanent grade, and shall be retired in the same manner as though this Act had not become law.

Temporary warrant officers and enlisted men authorized.

No retirement authorized.

Permanent enlisted men may be appointed temporary warrant officers.

Retirement, etc., not affected.

Service included in longevity.

Naval Reserve Force. Temporary service in Coast Guard not to prejudice status.

Pay while serving.

Credit for service.

No regular grade, etc., reduced by temporary service.

SEC. 6. (a) Under such regulations as he may prescribe, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to appoint temporary warrant officers, and to make special temporary enlistments, in the Coast Guard. No person shall be entitled to retirement because of his temporary appointment or enlistment under this section.

(b) Any enlisted man in the permanent Coast Guard may be appointed as a temporary warrant officer. Notwithstanding such temporary appointment, any such enlisted man shall be entitled to retirement in the same manner as though he had continued to hold his permanent rating, and upon the termination of such temporary appointment shall be entitled to revert to such rating. Service under any such temporary appointment shall be included in determining length of service as an enlisted man.

SEC. 7. The temporary appointment of any member of the Naval Reserve Force to an enlisted, warrant or commissioned grade in the Coast Guard shall not prejudice his status in the Naval Reserve Force when his temporary service in the Coast Guard shall have terminated. While serving with the Coast Guard members of the Naval Reserve Force shall not be entitled to retainer pay or any other special privileges by reason of their former service in the Navy or Naval Reserve Force, except that service in the Coast Guard may be counted as service in the Naval Reserve Force.

SEC. 8. Nothing contained in this Act shall operate to reduce the grade, rank, pay, allowances, or benefits that any person in the Coast Guard would have been entitled to if this Act had not become law.

Approved, April 21, 1924.

April 23, 1924.

[H. R. 655.]

[Public, No. 104.]

CHAP. 131.—An Act To provide for a tax on motor-vehicle fuels sold within the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia.
Motor-vehicle fuels.
Tax on sales, etc., of,
by importers.

Proceeds available
for roads and streets.
Exception.
Post, p. 108.

Terms construed.
"Motor vehicle."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a tax of 2 cents per gallon on all motor-vehicle fuels within the District of Columbia, sold or otherwise disposed of by an importer, or used by him in a motor vehicle operated for hire or for commercial purposes, shall be levied, collected, and paid in the manner hereinafter provided. The proceeds of the tax, except as provided in section 10, shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States entirely to the credit of the District of Columbia and shall be available for appropriation by the Congress exclusively for road and street improvement and repair.

SEC. 2. That as used in this Act—

(a) The term "motor vehicle" means all vehicles propelled by internal-combustion engines, electricity, or steam, except traction